

Council on Aging and Human Services

Board Meeting October 16, 2014

Present: Chairperson Joann Pratt, Collin Haney, Wendy Haney, Betty Travers, Millie Greene, Ann Alibrandi, Lloyd Gibbs, Bob Murphy and HESSCO representative Helen Rice

Absent/Excused: Vivian Pitts

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

Minutes of September 2014 accepted as amended

Budget Report: We are on track with spending. There have been no unexpected expenditures.

Director's Report: One of our Car-go drivers had a serious fall and will be out indefinitely. Vicki is trying to fill in with our substitute drivers. Currently Bob Lomus will cover 2 of the 3 days. He is able to do this through the end of December. Garry and Ray will help out here and there. We should know more as time goes and be able to plan whether we need to advertise for another sub driver.

The Nashville trip was a huge success. Tours of Distinction did a great job. The tour guide was Marina, who is very popular with our group. All of the trip surveys received have been very positive so far. 26 were signed up, 2 cancelled right before the trip. The flights went smoothly, no luggage or room issues.

Senior Services Fair was today. We had around 70 seniors in attendance throughout the morning. There were 23 vendors. This may end up being an annual event. This is a TRIAD sponsored event. Mary Colantoni & Rose Clasby volunteered to purchase the refreshments. The Friends have TRIAD money in an account. Mary requested that the Friends give her some of the funds for the event. She didn't receive any money. Seniors should not have to front their own money for this type of event and wait for reimbursement. So we signed a charge for them and will bill the Friends for the refreshments.

Upcoming programs –

- The last Senior Supper club will be next week 10/22.
- Brigham and Women is doing an audiology program on 10/23. We already have around 40 signed up.
- Bill Keegan was on COA cable show with Vicki. He will be here on 10/23 for the Men's Breakfast and 10/29 for Coffee & Conversation
- We are having a Gothic Tales followed by a HESSCO luncheon on 10/30 42 people have already signed up.
- Aging Mastery is offering a 3 week Financial Security pilot program. They will be awarding us \$2000.00. They are seeking retirees from the Certified Financial Planners Assoc. to teach the classes. We hope to start on 11/3.
- Peg McDonough will be here on 11/5 for a training regarding Open Enrollment.
- The Rotary Club of Foxboro will be sponsoring the Veteran's Day program on 11/6. There will be a catered breakfast and a presentation by a history professor.

Human Services – We have done our annual human services provider meeting with the School Department and quarterly meeting with Foxboro Linked Together. Yesterday was the first day of Medicare Open Enrollment our SHINE volunteers are already booked through the end of November and are trying to add more days.

HESCCO-Helen updated us on several new programs that HESCCO is running such as, Training for My Life, My health and how to cope with chronic disease. Another new program they are developing is a building that would provide 24 hour services for seniors this would help to keep them from being sent to nursing homes. They are looking for a building in Sharon at this time.

Friends update – Paul is away, he said he may have someone give his report. He asked to have Chickie Flynn’s as his item for discussion. Chickie Flynn’s has nothing to do with the Friends group or their fundraiser role with the senior center. They seem to have a misunderstanding about their role.

Old Business: Vicki went to the Friends annual meeting. Copies of her presentation are in folders. Vicki asked the Friends to consider funding the driveway idea that we discussed last month. Paul disagreed that the Friends should not fund this type of project and tabled the discussion. There was discussion about this subject at the COA Board in September and it was thought perhaps when we have the estimates of the work that would be done we would then go back to the Friends with this request. Vicki did not want to proceed with this project if the Friends would not finance it. However she needed more input from the DPW and perhaps some ideas of different ways to accomplish the issue of parking the van before this could be complete. The initial thought for Vicki going before the Friends before she had the estimates was if they would not fund it she would not pursue it.

New Business: Vicki has a copy of a draft office policy for outside vendors that we developed. We get a lot of requests from outside vendors to promote their events. Here are some examples - Patriots Practice tickets, Senior Summit, Senior Spectacular, Chickie Flynn’s, Nicky’s Restaurant, Walpole Cooperative Bank Luncheon, Orpheum Theater, Black Box Theater, Farmer’s Market, etc. It’s prudent to have a policy that clearly defines both of our roles. Betty made a motion to accept this draft and Ann seconded it, all agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Alibrandi